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Regional Director
U.S. EPA Region 10 (HW-113)
Attn: Mark Ader
1200 Sixth Avenue
Seattle, WA 98101

Dear Mr. Ader:

This letter is in response to your correspondence dated October 24, 1991, requesting the Bureau of Land Management's submission of information for the following facilities listed on the Federal Facilities Docket.

Loran Station on Sitkinak	AK5141190087
Fort Yukon White Alice Site	AK5141190087
Icy Cape Dew Line Site	AK4141190104
Kogru River Dewline Site	AK0141190082
Peard Bay Dewline Site	AK8141190100
Tanacross Airfield	AK7141190085



The Sitkinak Island Loran Station and the Fort Yukon White Alice Site are the U.S. Coast Guard and U.S. Air Force sites respectively. They are withdrawals located in the Fish and Wildlife Services National Wildlife Refuge System. While these sites may have been declared excess by the Department of Transportation (DOT) and Department of Defense (DOD), the withdrawals have not been formally revoked and returned to refuge status. Until these agencies can demonstrate to us that these sites have been properly assessed and cleaned up that they will not be returned to the National Wildlife Refuge System. Therefore, DOT and DOD are responsible for submitting the preliminary assessment and any additional information as required by your agency.

Icy Cape, Kogru River, and Peard Bay Dew Line Sites and Tanacross Airfield are all former DOD sites that were returned to public lands under the Bureau of Land Management. DOD has accepted responsibility for the sites and are being cleaned up by the Corp of Engineers (COE) through the Defense Environmental Restoration Program. Review of our files indicate that

Preliminary Assessments were conducted by these Responsible Parties who were in direct management of the land and had constructed these facilities. We have forwarded your request for information to the COE. The BLM has attempted to work with the COE by granting all the necessary permits for the Corps to complete their work.

A preliminary assessment was also conducted on Tanacross Airfield by the COE and deficiencies were noted in a meeting with the BLM and EPA Alaska Operations staff in July of 1989. BLM requested that the COE provide EPA with documentary evidence concerning the alleged 2,500 55-gallon drums buried by the COE in 1974. A member of the Corps staff investigated this and it was our understanding that this matter was resolved.

Please contact Wayne Svejnoha at (907) 271-3807 or (FTS) 868-3807 if you have any questions pertaining to these sites.

Sincerely,



Edward F. Spang
State Director, Alaska